



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
2 NAVY ANNEX  
WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

TRG  
Docket No: 712-00  
20 July 2000

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code, section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 18 July 2000. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion furnished by Headquarters Marine Corps dated 31 March 2000, a copy of which is enclosed.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. In this connection the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the advisory opinion. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director

Enclosure



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
3280 RUSSELL ROAD  
QUANTICO, VIRGINIA 22134-5103

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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31 MAR 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF  
NAVAL RECORDS

Subj: BCNR APPLICATION IN THE CASE OF FORMER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

1. With the exception of the Air Medal (Gold Stars for the First through Seventeenth Strike/Flight Awards), our review of his records, those of this Headquarters, the Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals, and Fleet Marine Force Pacific failed to reveal any evidence that he was ever recommended for another personal decoration.

2. As required by regulations, in order for him to be considered for the award of a personal decoration, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, his commanding officer or another officer having personal knowledge of his actions, must have submitted a recommendation for the award. Since there is no evidence in his case that a recommendation was ever submitted, no further action can be taken.

3. However, Subtitle C, Section 526 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996, which was enacted into law on February 10, 1996, provides for the consideration of award recommendations which were not submitted in a timely fashion. Should [REDACTED] be able to locate his former commanding officer or another officer who has personal knowledge of his actions, that officer may submit personal award recommendations in his behalf to the Commandant of the Marine Corps for consideration.

4. This Headquarters does not maintain a listing of former Marines and their addresses. However, he may obtain a listing of the officers and enlisted Marines who were assigned to his former unit by requesting copies of the unit rosters for the period in question from the following address:

Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps  
Personnel Management Support Branch (MMSB)  
2008 Elliott Road  
Quantico, VA 22134-5030

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5. If [REDACTED] is able to obtain the name of his former commanding officer or another officer, who he thinks may have personal knowledge of his actions, he may request assistance in locating him from the below listed organizations:

Leatherneck Magazine  
Box 1775  
Quantico, VA 22134-0775  
Telephone: 1-800-336-0291  
E-Mail: [leatherneck@mca-marines.org](mailto:leatherneck@mca-marines.org)

Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.  
Vietnam Locator  
1224 M Street, NW.  
Washington, DC 20005-5183  
Telephone: (202) 628-2700  
Fax: (202) 628-5880  
E-Mail: [www.vva.org](http://www.vva.org)

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Head, Military Awards Branch  
Personnel Management Division  
By direction of  
the Commandant of the Marine Corps